





BY TELEGRAPH  
FROM WASHINGTON.

The President and the heads of departments at Washington have finally decided not to comply with the Senate's requests for specific reasons for the removal or suspension of officials, the names of whose successors are awaiting the Senate's confirmation. The result will be, no doubt, that the Senate will refuse to confirm such nominated successors.

New York Tribune: There is one thing to be grateful for in the results of the recent phenomenal storm. They have completely paralyzed the "oldest inhabitant," destroyed his authority, made him look ridiculous, and in short dethroned him from the bad eminence he had occupied so long. For this relief much thanks. The tyranny of the "oldest inhabitant" in the matter of weather, has been intolerable, and there is poetic justice in the fact that the weather has caused his downfall.

Bismarck's political policy is as energetic and radical as his foreign policy. He announces that he is exiling the Poles from Germany simply because they vote for members of the Reichstag opposed to his measures. This is a new but effective way to get rid of an opposition party, and is rather more comprehensive than that of the Southern Democratic bulldozers, who simply drive Republican voters away from the polls, instead of driving them out of the country.

Whether a hard winter in England, Scotland and the North of Europe necessarily means a season of floods in France, Italy and Austria, has not yet been determined as a matter of fact, but several such instances have occurred in recent years, though perhaps not enough to establish a rule. Heavy snow in Northern Europe means heavy rains in the Southern part, and these are the direct cause of the floods now ravaging parts of France, Spain and Austria.

Indianapolis Journal: The death of Dr. Lightball disposes of a very shrewd and money-making mountebank. He was anything but a fool, whatever else he may have been. He had enough force in his composition to hold his crowd of followers, and was good enough judge of human nature to profit at its expense. He was a man that might have been dangerous had his inclinations leaned in the direction of lawlessness. As it was, he was an expensive man to the poor wherever he went.

Omaha Journal: The first bond call made by this Administration will mature in a week or ten days. The amount of bonds called for is \$10,000,000. It is said, however, that the entire transaction will include merely a transfer of accounts, and a trick in book-keeping. By an arrangement with a certain class of National banks, and as a part of the redemption scheme, the currency of the banks to the extent of at least \$5,000,000 will be retired out of circulation, and the process will extend to the entire amount of the call, so far as the banks may be able, by purchase and substitution, to furnish bonds, including the called amounts. The effect of the transaction will be a slight contraction of the currency, enough to create a mild scare and temporary stringency. No harm will result from the small experiment, but it is not a system that can be safely followed for any length of time.

To Everybody that Has Got or Going to Get a Horse  
On the 28th day of March, 1874, we began business, as strangers, in an old frame shop on the corner of Jackson and Prairie streets, as practical Horse Shavers and Horse Shoers, exclusively. In a very few days we were waited upon by a throng of people representing themselves, and were the best people and customers of the city, country and adjoining counties. With their repeated calls and bringing with them their neighbors, soon drove us to our Brick Shop, where we are now and always to be found, at No. 325 E. Prairie street. With the great capacity of one Hundred Horses per day, and our never Slip N. K. shoes, now enable us to repair our many friends by their horses better and cheaper than any shoers on Earth. We are not closing our business at Earth, but we are going to Chicago to live, not to get recommendations from any shoe store, but to buy for Cash a lot of the celebrated Maud S. Iron Shoes and Nails. We make a specialty of hand-made work. All communications must be addressed to the East Horse Shoers on Earth, and we will get them.  
Respectfully Yours,  
Jas. J. & Co.  
DUNSTON BROS.  
The taxes for 1885 are now due, and as the time for collection is short, it is necessary that tax-payers should come forward without delay. Office with Mills Bros., over Linn & Serrano's store, Office hours, from 8 a. m. to 8:30 p. m.  
H. M. MARSHALL, Collector.  
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There are said to be over 100 flourishing newspapers in Northern Dakota.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—In the course of the evening session of Congress last night Mr. Crisp, of Georgia, made a strong speech against the policy of increasing the rate of pensions and in opposition to the repeal of the limitation on the arrears of pension act. He quoted from statistics to show that if the proposed legislation were to prevail the treasury would be left in a bankrupt condition, and asserted that one-third of the Union soldiers enlisted in the late war were applicants for pensions, which, if granted, would cost, though no increase were made in the rate, the enormous sum of \$125,000,000 a year. He said if the repeal law was passed it would take from the treasury \$202,826,200, of which sum there would be an immediate payment of \$84,000,000. This would run up the pension appropriations for 1886, if not another name was placed on the rolls, to \$160,000,000.

The Attorney-General's Reply. WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Contrary to expectations the response of the Attorney-General to the Senate resolution calling for information in regard to the removal of the District Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama was not sent to the Senate yesterday, hence there is nothing new to add to the dispatches heretofore sent outlining the substance of the reply agreed upon by the Cabinet. Attorney-General Garland said last night that he had not yet forwarded the letter to the Senate, and that the publications on the subject were guesses. There is no doubt, however, that the main points in the publications, viz.: that the information asked for will not be furnished, are correct, and it is understood that the text of the letter will be brief and to the point.

Sentenced to a Three Years' Penitence. WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The sentence of the court-martial in the case of Paymaster-General Smith, of the Navy, having been approved by the Secretary of the Navy, and confirmed by the President, was promulgated yesterday. He is found guilty upon the two charges upon which he was tried—"scandalous conduct, tending to the destruction of good morals," and "culpable inefficiency in the performance of duty," and is sentenced to be dismissed from the position of chief of the bureau of provisions and clothing, to be suspended from rank and duty on full pay for three years, and to retain his present number in his grade during the time of suspension.

The Chinese Question. WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Mr. R. S. Deakins, a prominent Knight of Labor of this city, has received from Mr. John Payne, of the Knights of Labor in San Francisco, a circular setting forth the position of the Pacific coast Knights on the Chinese question. Mr. Deakins will present the circular to Chairman O'Neill of the House labor committee, and invite his co-operation in doing what may be necessary to call the attention of the East to the gravity of this problem.

Senator Vance Denies. WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Senator Vance, of North Carolina, speaking of the publication by a New York paper of his name as one of the stockholders of the Pan Electric Telephone Company, said that the whole statement concerning him was a barefaced lie, and that he had never had any connection or relation with the company, nor was his name ever entered in any of the books of the company.

Opposed the Appointment. WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Messrs. Prescott, Woodbury and Babson, of Massachusetts, appeared before the Senate committee on foreign relations yesterday and made long arguments in opposition to the proposition for the appointment of a fisheries commission to effect a settlement of the disputed jurisdiction of the United States and Great Britain over the Newfoundland banks.

Accounts Disallowed. WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Comptroller Durham has just issued an order disallowing the accounts of the Court of Commissioners of Alabama Claims for the five months from April to August, 1885, inclusive. He has disallowed of these accounts \$22,549, because the payments were not authorized by law.

Another Call for Bonds. WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The Secretary of the Treasury yesterday afternoon issued a call for \$10,000,000 three per cent. bonds, to mature March next.

THE FORTY-NINTH CONGRESS.

(First Session.)

SENATE.  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Mr. Waitall presented the credentials of re-elected Hon. Z. George, United States Senator from Mississippi.  
Mr. Ingalls reported favorably a bill to remove the political disabilities of George S. Morris, of Texas. Passed.  
Mr. Call introduced a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to pay the claim of the State of Florida on account of expenditures made in suppressing Indian hostilities.  
A resolution was submitted by Mr. Platt, providing that executive nominations shall be considered in open session.  
Deferred. Mr. Platt said he would not care to speak on the resolution unless the committee on Finance should report adversely, which event he would probably wish to do so.

Mr. Edmunds submitted, and the Senate passed a resolution directing the Secretary of the Navy to transmit to the Senate copies of all of Engineer Menon's drawings and notes of the recent survey of the Nicaragua canal route.  
The Tribune Almanac for 1886 has made its appearance. This work has long had the reputation of being a standard book of reference for political and statistical information. The Almanac for 1884 and 1885 had an unusual sale; and as it is stated that considerable pains have been taken to present in the Almanac for 1886 a complete statement of the gold and silver coinage from the beginning of the government, and the production of those metals, and also President Cleveland's Inaugural Address, the new issue will also be in demand. In addition to elaborate election tables, the Almanac gives summaries of all the important laws passed at the last session of Congress, statistics of all the operations of the government, and lists of all the chief officials of the country, and of the new Congress, together with a large quantity of other general information. There is an official statement of the new postage rates, among other things. Price 30 cents a copy.

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LONDON, Jan. 20.—While the newspapers devote themselves to speculations as to what Cabinet will be formed, the uppermost topic of conversation among people generally is the coming struggle over the land reform. There is a widespread feeling that it really matters little whether there is a Tory or Liberal ministry, for the vital question of changes in land tenure, which is sure to be forced upon the attention of Parliament, is one that is pretty certain to destroy the present party lines. The vote on the Collings amendment the other night shows that all the Liberals are willing to put themselves on record as favoring legislation compelling Irish landlords to part with their holdings for the benefit of their tenants, but people are expressing curiosity as to what these same Liberals mean to do to the aristocracy in England and Scotland, who do when J. O. Chamberlain or some of the coteries of statesmen who practically believe in state ownership of land.

It is not to be expected that those countries this principle of interference with private ownership. The progress made toward radicalism in the treatment of the land question may be inferred from the fact that six years ago Mr. Gladstone found it impossible to enforce a measure of that kind contained in the Collings' amendment through the House, and finally achieved what was looked upon as one of his greatest triumphs by carrying a much less radical measure. Yet the overwhelming majority for the Collings amendment was given apparently without any idea of its being a measure which would have been deemed revolutionary a few years ago. A member of Parliament, who is an ardent disciple of Henry George, called the attention of your correspondent to this fact last night, and said: "The prediction that within the next few years, at the same rate of progress, the idea of nationalization of land will have so permeated the minds of men as to be regarded as one of the greatest revolutions ever witnessed. At present, however, it is sufficient to point out, as above, that the land question is today one of vital practical importance. It will have to be pushed a little further to the front to assume such an aspect as to bring out the natural conservatism of the landed classes, irrespective of Liberal or Tory lines. The result would follow of a new Conservative party, composed of the larger portions of the existing parties, arrayed against radicalism, Irish Nationalism and the democracy brought in by the operation of the new franchise law, of which elements are more or less affiliated with the opposition to large holdings of land by private parties. Such surmises as these are heard on every side, and as indicate what is going on beneath the surface, are of more far-reaching importance than the conjectures which are rife as to the personnel of the new Liberal ministry."

HOUSE.

After a few preliminary messages had been received by the committee, the House, at 12 o'clock, went into committee of the whole on the private bill of Mr. Hatch (No. 10) for the relief of the estate of the late John W. Smith, deceased.

A long discussion arose over the next bill relating to the estate of the late John W. Smith, deceased, which was introduced by Mr. Smith, of Ohio. The bill provided for the payment of the estate of the late John W. Smith, deceased, and was passed by a vote of 100 yeas to 90 nays.

They Wilted and Went In. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 20.—Last evening the prisoners in the county jail revolted against being locked in their cells and huddled in one corner of the corridor, defying the jailer. They claimed they were afraid that a mob which they expected to call during the night to lynch Melvin Butler, recently imprisoned for murder and robbery, might lynch them all. They yelled to the jailer: "Get your shotgun and be damned," and during the altercation one of the guards accidentally discharged his gun, seriously wounding Dan Rice, burglar, and Sydney Smith, counterfeiter. The prisoners were placed in their cells without further trouble.

Arrested for Publishing Lottery Advertisements. CINCINNATI, Jan. 20.—Chief of Police Hudson yesterday afternoon ordered warrants issued for the arrest of Murtat Heston, editor of the Commercial Gazette, and Joseph J. McDowell, business manager of the Cincinnati Enquirer, charging them with inserting lottery advertisements in their respective papers. They will be arraigned in the police court this morning.

Fatal Collision Between a Carriage and a Train. CARBONDALE, Pa., Jan. 20.—A carriage, containing Mrs. Wesley Stanton, her daughter, and Mrs. Julia A. Hunter, a practicing physician of this place, was struck at the Erie railway crossing by the 11:30 a. m. passenger train from Scranton yesterday. The occupants were thrown out, and Mrs. Hunter instantly killed. Mrs. Stanton was dangerously hurt.

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